

REMARKS

**I. Amendments**

The applicant has amended allowable claims 23, 28, and 33 to independent form so that all allowable claims (23, 28-31, and 33-42) are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, as the examiner had advised in the office action mailed August 2, 1999 page 4 lines 4-6.

The applicant cancels rejected claims 1-22, 24-27, and 32.

**II. Claim Status**

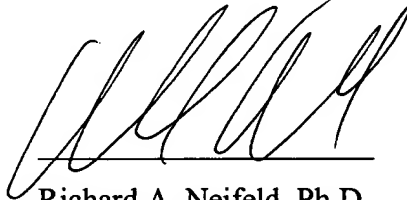
Claims 23 and 33 are the independent claims.

Claims 23, 28-31, and 33-42 should be allowable after the specified amendments to claims 23, 28, and 33.

Claims 1-22, 24-27, and 32 are canceled.

Respectfully Submitted,

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